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1. DURING CALL MAY 9 ON FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO, I SOUGHT HIS COMMENTS ON THE RECENT MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON AND ATLANTA. IN RESPONSE, HE PERMITTED ME TO READ A COPY OF HIS CLASSIFIED REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT ON TWO CONFERENCES. CONCERNING THE MFM, BORGONOVO DID NOT DEEM IT NECESSARY TO GO INTO THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES DISCUSSED SUCH AS CUBA AND MNC'S. HOWEVER, HE DID CONCLUDE THAT THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE US AND LA WAS IMPROVING. HE REPORTED THAT THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WAS MORE FRANK AND UNINHIBITED THAN THE PREVIOUS SESSION IN MEXICO WITH EVEN LESS OF A TENDENCY BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS TO SPEAK FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION. (BORGONOVO HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HAD PROPOSED AT THE WASHINGTON MFM THAT THE MINISTERS MAINTAIN THE INFORMAL NATURE OF THE CONSULTATIONS BY OMITTING A

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FINAL COMMUNIQUE BUT THAT HIS PROPOSAL RECEIVED NO SUPPORT.)

2. CONCERNING THE OASGA, BORGONOVO'S REPORT TONMOLINA CENTERED ON THE EXCHANGE OF REMARKS THAT TOOK PLACE BETWEEN HIMSELF AND FON MIN BATRES OF HONDURAS. BORGONVO CLAIMED THAT OTHER LA FON MINS WERE CRITICAL OF BATRES FOR RAISING THE HONDURAS/SALVADOR ISSUE WHICH THEY BELIEVED TO BE INAPPROPRIATE AT THE OASGA; HE CLAIMED THAT HIS OWN REBUTTAL OF BATRES' ALLEGATIONS WERE WELL RECEIVED AND THAT EL SALVADOR'S INTEREST WERE ADVANCED. ON THE QUESTION OF OAS RESTRUCTURING, BORGONOVO REPORTED THAT EL SALVADOR FAVORED REFORM OF THE CURRENT INSTITUTIONS RATHER THAN A RADICAL OVERHAUL. THUS, INSTEAD OF SCRAPPING THE RIO TREATY, FOR INSTANCE, EL SALVADOR WOULD PREFER ADJUSTING IT TO REALITY AS IN ITS PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE DEFINITION OF AGGRESSION TO COVER ACTS COMMITTED BY A STATE AGAINST A FOREIGN POPULACE LIVING WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES.

3. IN ASSESSING THE OVERALL STATE OF US-LA RELATIONS, BORGONOVO FELT THAT THE NEW DIALOGUE STRATEGY WAS ON THE RIGHT TRACK AND CONSTRUCTIVE. HE MENTIONED THAT HE HAD JUST READ THE COLLECTED ESKAYS EDITED BY LUIGI EINAUDI IN HIS BOOK "BEYOND CUBA" AND COMMENDED IT HIGHLY; HE SAID THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER APPARENTLY DREW SOME OF HIS NEW POLICIES FROM THE IDEAS ADVANCED IN THIS EXCELLENT ASSESSMENT OF US-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS. I THANKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR HIS POSITIVE VIEWS OF OUR NEW APPROACH TOWARD LA AND NOTED OUR KEEN INTEREST IN COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO FOLLOW UP THE DIALOGUE WITH SOLID ACHIEVEMENTS. BORGONOVO'S COMMENTS ON THE STATE OF HONDURAS/EL SALVADOR RELATIONS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.
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